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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

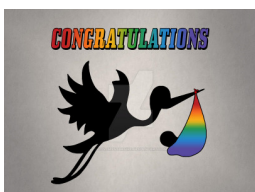
Miss School, Miss Out!

We are always trying to improve our school attendance. As you are aware, academic achievement is linked to regular attendance. Your child needs to be **Here, Everyday, Ready, On Time**. The children not only need to be at school every day but also ready for learning and on time. On an almost daily basis I receive forms from parents/carers requesting leave / holiday in term time and would like you all to consider your child's progress in their learning, both academically and socially, when deciding when to take your children out of school. Our attendance and absence policy, which follows the DfE guidance on attendance, can be found on our website, in the [policies section](#), for your information.



Please note that school **STARTS** at 8.45am and so children should be here by that time. If you arrive after 8.45am you should go to the School Office as your child will need to be signed in and taken to their classroom through the school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mrs Sally Dreckmann
Headteacher



Congratulations

We would like to say congratulations to Mrs Dawson-Pollitt and her husband as they are expecting Baby 2! Mrs Dawson-Pollitt is planning to go on maternity leave in February, so we will shortly begin the process of recruiting for her maternity cover.

Dates for your Diary

Please see the attached sheet of dates for your diary. Any new dates added since the last letter are in **red**.



Children due to start school in September 2025 and Transfer to Juniors.

Transfer to Junior School letters will be sent out sometime next week via ParentMail to all children in Year 2. Please do look out for them.

This year, the West Sussex County Council is not sending individual letters to new parents whose children are due to start school in September 2025 but is advertising the application arrangements widely, including on social media. The deadline for applications for both starting school and transfer to Junior School is Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Parents are being encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the online system at

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Applications must be submitted by the **national closing date of Wednesday 15th January 2025**. The online system will open on 7th October.

Families without internet access at home will be able to apply on-line at libraries and Children & Family Centres for free. If you need any help, or know anyone who may need help, please let us know.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Your child will shortly be bringing home their beautiful artwork.



Just a reminder that if you wish to place an order, this must be done online using the unique code located at the top of the order form. **The order form and artwork will then need to be returned to the school by no later than Monday 14th October.** If the artwork is not sent back to us, the order cannot be processed but you may still be charged. Please remember to tick the box on the order form to confirm that you have placed the order online.

Individual Photos - Thursday 17th October (am)

A photographer is coming on this day to take individual photos of the children - please remember to send them in wearing their school jumper or cardigan.



If you have more than one child at our school and you would like their photo taken together, please can you take them to the hall from 8.00 am. Please note that this invitation is only available for siblings at our school and will not include pre-school children or those at the Junior School. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations - Thursday 17th October (pm)

Just a reminder that the school nurses are coming into school on Thursday 17th October to administer the flu vaccination to all the children in Reception and Years 1 and 2. If you have not already done so, please could you complete the online consent form, the details of which were recently sent out via ParentMail. **Please could you complete this form even if you do not wish your child to have**

the vaccination. You have until Friday 11th October to complete this form. If you are having any difficulties, please contact Sharon in the school office.

Our Five Special Words

For the benefit of our new families, every week in our Celebration Assembly, we select two children from each class to be awarded a badge which is tied in with our 'five special words':-

Responsible, Resilient, Motivated, Independent and Creative

These words are five qualities that we aim for our learners to have started to understand and demonstrate by the time they leave us. More information is on our website:-

https://www.rosegreeninfant.school/website/values_ethos_and_vision_including_our_five_words/525434

These badges are collected in on Friday morning, ready to be given to the next child at an assembly in the afternoon. It is very important that the children bring them back, otherwise we will not have enough for the next week. We start this with Years 1 and 2 from September and Reception will join the assemblies at some point in the new year. Thank you.

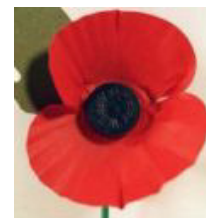
School Meals

Please can we remind parents to cancel any pre-ordered meals on ParentPay if your child no longer would like a hot meal in school. This avoids unnecessary food waste and cost to the school as we will still be charged for these meals. Thank you.

Royal British Legion Poppy

Appeal

This year we have many lovely things for sale for the Poppy Appeal. We have snap rulers, pencils and pencil sharpeners, wristbands, reflectors and of course poppies! From Monday 14th October until Remembrance Day, we will be selling these after school from the grassed turning circle or from the school office if you would like to donate.



Numbots in School

Your child will shortly be bringing home their login details for Numbots which is an on-line maths game which will help your child develop their recall and understanding of number bonds, addition and subtraction facts. We hope your child has fun!

PE Kit in School

Just a reminder that the Reception children will need a PE kit in school after the October half term. School Trends are currently offering a special PE kit bundle for £17.47 consisting of a red t-shirt, black shorts and a PE bag. Please visit their website www.schooltrends.co.uk A small amount of stock is also available to purchase from the school office.

Please can we ask that all children have a pair of leggings or joggers in their PE kit every day, especially now as the weather is getting colder and please could you check that their plimsolls or trainers still fit!

Community Food Hubs

Did you know that UK Harvest, a Sussex based food rescue and redistribution charity, run Community Food Hubs across West Sussex?

Community food hubs are open to all residents, you do not need a referral (that some food banks



require) and are designed to help rescue food from suppliers that would otherwise have gone to waste. With the support of West Sussex County Council these hubs are available across the County. Everyone is welcome; simply bring a shopping bag and fill it from a selection of fresh, mixed groceries for a small donation if you are able to. Many local services are also available at the food hubs including health, financial and wellbeing support.

For more information, including the hub locations and dates, please visit

www.ukharvest.org.uk/community

Harvest

A letter will be going out soon regarding a harvest food collection.

And finally

1. As the weather is turning colder, please can you ensure that your child has a (named) warm waterproof coat in school every day as we are going out in all weathers.

2. Please can your child still bring their book bag into school on Forest School days.

Thank you.

Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in Red)

Event	Date	Time
PTA AGM - Everyone welcome	Thursday 3 rd October	7 - 8.00 pm
Individual school photos	Thursday 17 th October	all morning
Flu Vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & 2 (more details to follow)	Thursday 17 th October	all afternoon
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 21 st October (more details to follow) and w/c 5 th November	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 23 rd October	2.30 pm
Half term	28 th October - 1 st November	
Inset Day	Monday 4 th November	
Science Week	w/c 18 th November	
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 15 th November	all day

Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 4 th December	2.30 pm
PTA Christmas Fair	Friday 6 th December	5 - 7.00 pm
Christmas Shop	tbc	
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents	Wednesday 11 th December	2.15 - 2.45 pm
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 12 th December	9.15 - 9.45 am
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 12 th December	
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents	Wednesday 18 th December	2.15 - 2.45 pm
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 18th December	
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 19 th December	9.15 - 9.45 am
Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents	Thursday 19 th December	2.15 - 2.45 pm
Year 2 Christmas Songs for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Friday 20 th December	9.15 - 9.45 am
Christmas holidays	23 rd December - 3 rd January	
Inset Day	Monday 6 th January	
Start of Spring Term	Tuesday 7 th January	
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 10 th February and 24 th February (more details to follow)	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 12 th February	
Inset Day	Friday 14 th February	
Half Term	17 th - 21 st February	
Book Week	w/c 3 rd March	
Maths Week	w/c 10 th March	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 2 nd April	2.30 pm
Easter holidays	7 th - 21 st April	
Start of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April	
Class Photos	Thursday 24 th April	
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May	
Creative Week	w/c 5 th May	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 14 th May	
Walk to School Week	w/c 19 th May	
Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 19 th May	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 21 st May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 22 nd May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Half Term	26 th - 30 th May	
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd June	
Phonics Testing Week	w/c 10 th June	
Sports Week	w/c 16 th June	
Reserve Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 23 rd June	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 25 th June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 26 th June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Transition Day	Wednesday 2 nd July	All day
School Reports to go home	Friday 4 th July	
Summer Fair	tbc	
Welcome Wednesday/Open Afternoon	Wednesday 9 th July	2.15 - 3.15 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 16 th July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 17 th July	9.15 am
Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 17 th July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 18 th July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents)	Tuesday 22 nd July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Tuesday 22 nd July	

SPOOKY (NOT SCARY!) STORIES

Join us this half term for some fiendishly
fun tales and a creepy craft activity!



Suitable for children aged 4 -8 years.

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place.
Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.

Thursday 31 October
2.00-3.00pm



Willowhale Library
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Water Safety – Information from the West Sussex Public Health Team

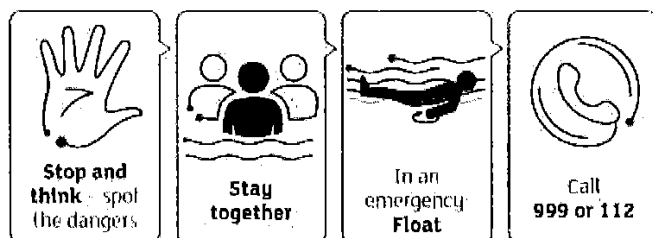
Does your child know how to stay safe in water? The number of children drowning nationally has more than doubled in the past 3 years. In 90% of drowning incidents, the child was not being supervised by an adult at the time.

We understand children may want to keep cool, but do they know the risks of swimming in the sea, lakes and rivers? 50% of people who drown never intended to go in the water. For some children, peer pressure can lead to risk-taking behaviours and dangerous situations.

To keep you and you and your family safe, please follow the below steps:

- Check water sites for hazards, check the safest places to swim and always read the signs.
- Understand a child's swimming abilities and confidence in water and always supervise young or less able children in and around water.
- Create a safety plan with teenagers who may be out unsupervised around water.
- Never swim in the sea when the red flag is flying.
- Inflatable dinghies or lilos are a well-known hazard – do not use them in open water.
- Follow the Water Safety Code:

Water Safety Code



For further information on water safety and tips on how to create a water safety plan with your child, visit the Canal and River Trust page on [water safety](#). You will also find further activities and resources that engage children and young people on how to safely enjoy the benefits of our waterways - [Youth resources and activities | Canal & River Trust](#) (canalrivertrust.org.uk)

For information on staying safe at the beach and in the sea, visit HM Coast Guard <https://hmcoastguard.uk/on-the-beach> and RNLI <https://rnli.org/safety> websites, which both contain lots of useful information for you and your family.

Little Sips BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

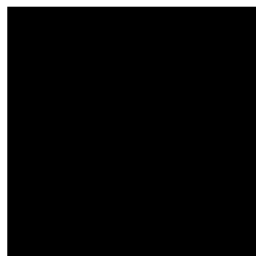
Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

Cool Milk

☎: 0800 321 3248

🌐: www.coolmilk.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

**Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.*